

Complaints against the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory and Mint.

213. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiry into the complaints made by the subordinates of the Mint and Stamp Manufactory against the Superintendent?

(b) Is it a fact that the Superintendent has not forwarded the petitions of some of the subordinates addressed to the Dewan through the Superintendent?

(c) If he has already forwarded them, on what dates did the Superintendent receive them and on what dates were they forwarded to the Dewan?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) The complaints are being enquired into.

(b) The Member is referred to the answer to part (1) (b) of interpellation No. 212 asked by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

(c) In view of the answer to part (b), this question does not arise.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the enquiry?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The enquiry is not yet complete. The allegations are being enquired into.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): After the completion of the enquiry, will they be pleased to communicate the result of the enquiry to the Council?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I cannot promise.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the objection?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That will arise only after the enquiry is completed. Your question therefore, strictly speaking, does not arise out of the question.

Withholding of increment to the junior clerk of the Stamp Manufactory.

214. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the junior clerk's increment was withheld by the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory for a long time, and now claimed without arrears?

(2) If so, is it due to the fact that this clerk refused to comply with the request of the Superintendent to accept a transfer to the Observatory?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*):

(1) The junior clerk's increment was withheld for bad work under Article 96 of the Travancore Service Regulations.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With regard to the answer to part (1) may I know whether there is any record in the Stamp Manufactory which will show that the junior clerk's work was bad?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : It will be enquired into.

List of Punishments awarded by the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory.

215. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, caste by caste, of all the subordinates who were punished by the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory together with the nature of, and the reasons for, the punishments awarded?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The list* containing the information asked for by the Member is laid on the table.

Grant of leave to subordinates of the Stamp Manufactory.

216. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) how many acting men in the Stamp Manufactory were granted privilege leave and sick leave without medical certificates; and
- (b) whether substitutes were appointed while they were on leave?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) :

(a) Two.

(b) No substitutes were appointed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the Superintendent generally appoints substitutes in short vacancies?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : If there is a necessity, he generally appoints.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is there any instance in which leave was refused because no medical certificate was produced?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : How does it arise out of the question?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Because two of the subordinates were granted leave without medical certificate being produced. So I want to know if there is any instance in which leave was refused because no medical certificate was produced.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : It is not necessary to produce medical certificate for leave up to six months. If the Head of the Department or office is satisfied that the subordinate is really ill, he can grant leave.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Has he got wide discretion?

*Vide Appendix I—page 720.